

Amendments to the Claims

1. – 40. (CANCELLED)

41. (Currently Amended) A method for restricting communication in a wireless communication device, comprising the steps of:

~~receiving a phone number into the wireless communication device in an attempt to make a phone call;~~

~~determining a geographic characteristic of the received phone number;~~

~~receiving a current global positioning system (GPS) location from a GPS functional device contained within the wireless communication device;~~

~~determining a current physical location of the wireless communication device utilizing based on the current GPS location;~~

~~accessing a list of area codes stored in memory of the wireless communication device, the list comprising authorized and unauthorized geographic characteristics;~~

~~determining whether a phone call placed to a user-inputted phone number will incur a charge based on an evaluation of at least the processing said geographic characteristic of the received phone number, said list, and said current physical location of the wireless communication device, the list, and an area code of the user-inputted phone number to determine if placing a call to said received number would accrue a charge; and~~

permitting placement of ~~[[a]]~~ the phone call to the received phone number only if the phone call is authorized ~~placing a call to said received number would not accrue a charge.~~

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the determining whether the phone call will incur a charge comprises determining if the phone call will incur a charge based on a relative position between the wireless communication device and a location of the area code of the phone number at least one geographic characteristic is an area code, and at least a portion of the received phone number is an area code.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the user-inputted received phone number is ~~received from~~ entered by a user through a user interface of the wireless communication device.

44. (CANCELLED)

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising: blocking placement of the phone call to the received user-inputted phone number if the geographic characteristic area code of the received user-inputted phone number matches at least one of ~~the a~~ a plurality of unauthorized ~~geographic characteristics~~ area codes of the list and the current physical location of the wireless communication device matches a predetermined physical location.

46. (Currently Amended) A wireless communication device, comprising:

a memory for storing a list comprising area codes ~~authorized and unauthorized~~ geographic characteristics;

a user interface for ~~inputting an outgoing~~ accepting a phone number in of an ~~attempt to make a~~ attempted phone call from the wireless communication device, the outgoing phone number having an ~~outgoing~~ inputted area code;

a global positioning system (GPS) device for determining a current physical location of the wireless communication device;

a controller connected to the memory, the user interface, and the GPS device, the controller configured to determine whether the attempted phone call will incur a charge based on an evaluation of at least the inputted area code a geographic characteristic of the inputted outgoing number, receive the current physical location from the GPS device, access and the list comprising area codes comprising authorized and unauthorized geographic characteristics stored in the memory, process the geographic characteristic of the received phone number, the current physical location and the list comprising authorized and unauthorized geographic characteristics to determine if placing a call to said received number would accrue a charge, wherein the controller is further configured to permit placement of a the phone call ~~to the inputted outgoing number only if placing a the phone call to said inputted outgoing number would not accrue a charge is authorized.~~

47. (CANCELLED)

48. (Currently Amended) The wireless communication device of claim 46, wherein at least one of a plurality of unauthorized area ~~code~~ codes is stored in the memory; and wherein the controller blocks the ~~outgoing~~ phone call if the at least one of the plurality of unauthorized area code matches the inputted area code ~~of the inputted outgoing number~~ and the current physical location of the wireless communication device matches a predetermined physical location.

49. – 54. (CANCELLED)

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the current GPS location is an absolute GPS position.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the current GPS location is a relative GPS position.

57. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the determining whether the phone call is authorized comprises evaluating at least one geographic characteristic stored in the memory comprises local toll charges.

58. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the determining whether the phone call is authorized comprises evaluating at least one geographic characteristic stored in the memory comprises long distance charges.